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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Advisory Action dated July 6, 2004. Prior to calculating the filing fee and conducting substantive examination in the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 being filed concurrently herewith, please consider the amendments shown below. This reply is also accompanied by a formal Request for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136.

Claims 1-5 and 7-29 are currently pending in the application and stand rejected. Applicants have amended Claim 1.